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FIRE DEPARTMENT MADE A GOOD RUN

T. L. Gray Home Scene of Conflagration Wednesday Night

A kerosene stove which was burning in the well house at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Gray Wednesday night set fire to the wood work and caused a fire which might easily have caused the destruction of the residence.

The blaze was discovered by E. D. Cooper who was driving home in his Sunnyside car about 10:30. Just as he was crossing the cement bridge over Buffalo creek he smelled smoke and becoming suspicious that something was wrong he circled the block and returned to the bridge. Glancing in the direction of the Gray residence he discovered the well house on fire. He aroused the occupants of the house and the alarm was sounded.

The fire company made an excellent run, but had trouble in locating the fire plug. However when it was located the line of hose was quickly laid and water turned on the blaze.

The fire boys deserve commendation for the manner in which they handled the fire. The well house was a total loss but the only damage to the residence was caused by the heat.

Better insure it with Griffith & Baughman.

After being buried several days with a damp blanket of snow the wheat should emerge smilingly at the first warm rays of Old Sol. Prospects mighty good for wheat, thank you.

The upholding of the Webb-Kenyon law, which will enable Kansas to make itself bone dry, ought to please the liquor dealers. For everybody knows that the more dry territory there is the more booze they sell.—Star.

WOULD STOP BOOZE SHIPMENTS

Senator Thompson of Kansas Introduces a "Bone-Dry" Law.

Washington, Jan. 13.—Senator Thompson of Kansas has introduced a bill in the Senate forbidding the shipment of intoxicants for any purpose into "dry" states. This measure goes a step farther than the Webb-Kenyon law, just upheld in the supreme court, which prohibits the shipment of liquor into a "dry" state for unlawful purposes. The Thompson measure would stop all shipments.—Star.

FARMER APPOINTED ON IMPORTANT COMMITTEE

In the list of committees printed in the Capital Sunday appears the name of Representative Farmer of Seward county, who was chosen as a member of the committee on Charitable Institutions.

HAVE GONE TO LOUISIANA

A party consisting of W. M. Pisher, I. N. Pennington, T. F. Hopkins and wife, Joe Brison and wife, N. L. Falls and John Snyder, left the first of the week for Luddington, Louisiana, where they went to inspect a tract of land being offered for sale by the Long Bell Lumber company.

Some very attractive literature has been received regarding the possibilities of the country and these people went to make a personal investigation. Messrs. Pennington and Pisher have been acting for the company and had charge of the party.

That country has some real advantages and we would not be at all surprised if some of the party would decide to locate there.

A NICE FRONT

The front of the Mitchell building on North Kansas Avenue has been treated to a coat of stucco, making it one of the neatest in town. The work was done in two shades, giving a very tasty appearance. It is a nice job and a great improvement.

LIBERAL MAY BE ABLE TO LAND ANOTHER FIRST CLASS RAILROAD

Proposition Still Indefinite But Indications Are That Another Line of Road Will Traverse This Section —Chamber of Commerce Busy

Another railroad is flirting with Liberal and this time the proposition looks favorable enough that considerable interest is being shown.

The proposed line is being promoted by W. C. Fordyce, President of the Commonwealth Trust Company of St. Louis; F. S. Yantis, President, Judge Lee Monroe, Chief Counsel, and Ben Allen, Chief Engineer, of the C. K. & O. Railroad company. This company now owns a mileage between Scott City and Winona, and they now plan to extend the line from Garden City to Forgan, Oklahoma, using the present line between Garden City and Scott City, making a through line from Winona to Forgan, Oklahoma, to connect with the Wichita Falls & Western at the latter place.

The proposed line would provide a great outlet to this part of the country. It will cross the D. C. & C. V. near Sublette or Santata, the main line of the Santa Fe at Garden City, the Missouri Pacific and another Santa Fe line at Scott City, and will connect with the Union Pacific at Winona. By connecting with the Wichita Falls & Western at Forgan it would have excellent southern outlets, making a direct route to the Gulf, and to the coal fields of Colorado going in the other direction, providing us with cheaper coal.

The building of the road would mark a new era in Seward county and Southwest Kansas, as it would open up to easy settlement thousands of acres of fertile lands now untitled because of the distance of market, and enable our farmers to get from 5 to 10 cents more per bushel for their wheat by reason of its going direct to the Gulf markets. It is beyond all

doubt the best proposition that has yet been offered the town in the way of railroads, and the people here are not slow to appreciate this fact.

The Liberal Chamber of Commerce has a railroad committee consisting of Chas. Summers, chairman, L. A. Etzold and John W. Baughman. These gentlemen are handling the matter for the organization.

A meeting of this committee, a few members of the organization and a committee from Garden City, consisting of W. O. Carter, Gus Bugheim, C. A. Miller and Chas. I. Zirkle, prominent business men of that place, was held at Baughman's office in Liberal a short time ago and plans made for a trip from Liberal to Forgan. This trip was made Saturday. In the party were Messrs. Fordyce, Yantis, and Allen of the company; H. W. Magruder, president of the Liberal Chamber of Commerce and Ray Millman of the Baughman office.

All were favorably impressed with the opportunities offered for railroad building in the territory visited. The proposition being new to the people of Forgan, there was no great amount of enthusiasm, but at the same time the visitors received enough encouragement to indicate that Forgan will fall into line when they receive the proposition.

The original idea, it is said, was to cross the Rock Island at Plains, but the route through Liberal is much more practicable, and it is pretty safe to say that if the road is built, and the Democrat is confident enough to say it will be built at some time, it will pass through Liberal. This is sure to be the case if Seward county and the town of Liberal will do the right thing by the promoters, and everyone whom we have heard express themselves declare that they are in favor of doing everything in their power.

A meeting was called at Craig's hall Monday night which was attended by a big crowd. Chairman Summers expected to have a definite proposition from the promoters by that time and the meeting was called to give it to the public. However, the letter did not arrive and the time was spent discussing the advantages of the railroad to Seward county and the city of Liberal. Several good talks were made by J. F. Fuest, E. D. Cooper, Judge Etzold and Mr. Summers, and there was more or less a general discussion.

It is very likely that a meeting will be called at an early date and the proposition in detail placed before the public.

INVENTED ELECTRIC HEATER

Ansel Wysong has invented an electric heater, an appliance to be used instead of the gasket between the carburetor and manifold and which heats and vaporizes the gas, starting the motor in the coldest weather. The attachment can be used on any car.

Mr. Wysong is a member of the firm of Sutherland & Wysong who have a garage just east of Wood's lumber yard, and is a competent mechanic. The firm is swamped with orders for this heater, as it does away with much back breaking cranking. A patent on the appliance has been applied for.—Meade Globe.

RAILROAD STARTED

At last the dream is a reality. We are actually going to get the railroad, so long looked for. A constant stream of grading outfits, men, mules, machinery and all kinds of material is arriving at Shattuck and being hustled out to their respective places. One outfit has already established camp and have gone to throwing dirt. Soon the dirt will be moving along the entire length of the line.

As the grading has started the subject of most interest to the residents of the towns close is the new town sites are going to be surveyed and opened up for occupancy. The people of La Kemp will undoubtedly have to move as the new town to be opened up closest to this place will be but six miles from here. From what information we can obtain the townsites will be put on the market about the first of March.—La Kemp Citizen.

BURY BODY IN THE SPRING

A Tomb for "Buffalo Bill" to be Hewn Out of Rock on Lookout Mountain

Denver, Colo.—The body of Col. Wm. F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) who died yesterday afternoon, will lie in state in the capitol here for four hours Sunday and then be placed in a vault with appropriate services. Burial will not take place until next spring when the body will be placed in a tomb hewn from a rock at the top of Lookout Mountain, near here. Already plans are being made for a suitable monument.

In accordance with the wishes of the veteran scout and plainsman, all the societies to which he belonged will have a part in his funeral services which will be conducted by the Denver lodge of Elks. Assisting will be the Grand Army of the Republic, the Pioneer society of Colorado, the Masons and the Cowboy Rangers of this city.

TRIP POSTPONED

The proposed trip to Canadian, Texas, in the interests of auto trail from Denver to Dallas, has been postponed until February 9th, at which time all who signed up for the trip will be expected to be on hand.

I. N. Thompson and Mrs. Lola Walker were married at the court house by Probate Judge Campbell, January 11th, 1917. Both are residents of Liberal.

WANTS TO KNOW THE PUBLIC SENTIMENT

Representative Farmer Will Welcome Suggestions From Home

Representative A. A. Farmer has written Liberal people to learn their attitude on the Webb-Kenyon bill. This is a bill designed to stop the shipment of booze into dry territory, known as the "Bone-Dry" bill. Mr. Farmer would be pleased at any time to hear from persons concerning proposed legislation, so no one need hesitate in taking up with him any matters in which they are interested. In the instance of the "Bone-Dry" bill, Mr. Farmer will welcome suggestions from those whom he represents.

WHY NOT?

Almost every exchange coming to the Democrat has contained the annual report of the Township Treasurers of the different townships, but so far we have not seen any from the townships of Seward county. It is our impression that the publications of these reports is required by law, and it might be well for the Township Treasurers to look the matter up.

Miss Ella Niles went to Kismet to spend Sunday.

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your share
Of this World's Goods
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A bank account is a safeguard
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Member of The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, and
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Back in the Lumber Game

We are pleased to announce to the public that we are again in the LUMBER BUSINESS in Liberal, having purchased the business of the Meyer Lumber Company.

We will be pleased to meet our old friends and customers and anyone needing anything in our line.

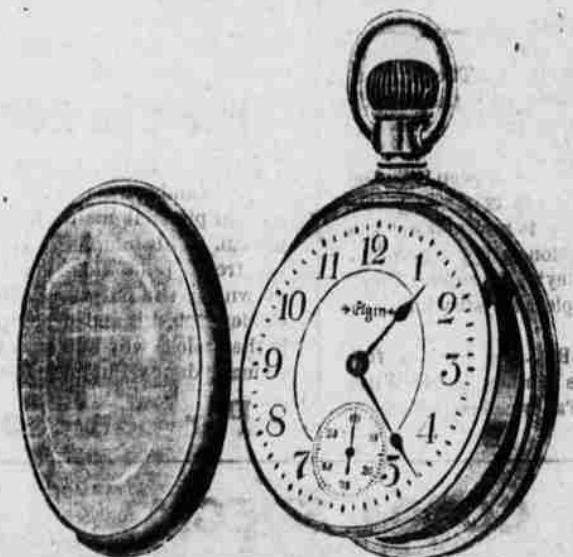
We will keep on hands a good stock of lumber, building material of all kinds, posts, cement and coal.

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